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TO AMEMBASSY TANANARIVE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: TERMINAL PAYMENTS FOR NASA EMPLOYEES

REF: TANANARIVE 2114

1. FYI; NASA HAS NOW INFORMED DEPT THAT AFTER EXAMINATION OF PERTINENT MALAGASY LABOR LAWS, IT TENTATIVELY FAVORS PAYMENT OF TERMINAL BENEFITS. DEPT SUPPORTS THIS POSITION. WITH THESE PAYMENTS USG WILL HAVE COMPLETED ITS FINANCIAL AND LEGAL OBLIGATIONS RE NASA STATION. WHEN PAYMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE, WE ANTICIPATE INSTRUCTING EMBASSY TO INFORM GDRM THAT NOW THAT USG HAS COMPLETED ITS LEGAL OBLIGATIONS WE EXPECT GDRM TO FULFILL ITS LEGAL OBLIGATIONS, I.E. RE-LEASE OF U.S. GOVERNMENT PROPERTY AT STATION. FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE SENT SOON. EMBASSY SHOULD TAKE NO ACTION NOR DISCUSS ISSUE LOCALLY UNTIL INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED.

2. WHILE APPRECIATE REASONS FOR YOUR SUGGESTING CARTER TDY TRIP TO TANANARIVE, BOTH DEPT AND NASA BELIEVE THAT SUCH VISIT WOULD BE AT CONSIDERABLE RISK SINCE HE MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO LEAVE COUNTRY IF ANY LEGAL COMPLICATIONS AROSE
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OVER PAYMENT OF TERMINAL BENEFITS. FOR THIS REASON WE DO

NOT PLAN TO SEND CARTER TO TANANARIVE.

3. NOW THAT BASIC DECISION IS MADE TO PAY TERMINAL
BENEFITS WE WILL PROCEED TO COMPLETE ACTION AS SOON AS
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